

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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Jesus said to him,
"Feed my sheep."

John 21:17



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2022

THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Easter

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

After his resurrection, Christ revealed himself to his disciples on a number of occasions. At most of these appearances, he did what he had done with them before his death on the cross and resurrection; he broke bread with them. And, they recognized him.

After Christ's death, the disciples went into hiding or back to their old ways of life; because they were filled with fear after Christ's death on the Cross. Peter and others disciples went back to fishing. But, Christ once again called them and embraced them and showed them the right path to God as he showed them compassion and understanding, instead of taking them to task for running from the events that took place in Jerusalem. He invited them back to his table of fellowship and life nourishing, life giving love.

Christ continues to break bread with us as he invites us to join him at his table each Sunday, each day of the week. But, do we truly recognize his presence among us as we gather around the Lord's Table. If we do recognize his presence among us, then we try to become images of Christ by being compassionate, understanding, and willing to rise up those around us, especially the poor, the hungry, and the weak.

Like Christ, we cannot be afraid of what others may say about the company we keep at table for we respect one another as being made in the Lord's image. Like Christ, we are willing to share our time, gifts, and talents so that all people may recognize Christ in and through us, because of our loving and life giving actions.

Sincerely,
Fr. Tom Cabala



Taize prayer will take place
Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 -7pm.
Let us continue to pray for peace
for ourselves and the world.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reception for Fr. George

We will celebrate Fr. George's retirement on
the weekend of May 14-15, 2022 after all
masses.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 2-St. Athanasius**

8:30 AM Mass:
Michael Willner, Tess Mahoney (Healing)

Tuesday, May 3—Ss. Phillip & James

8:30 AM Mass:
Maureen Escherich (Healing)

Wednesday, May 4— Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass :
Margaret Gaba, Molly Skopec

Thursday, May 5—National Day of Prayer

8:30 AM Mass:
Lynne Pacetti, Ken Skopec

Friday, May 6-Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:
Melissa, Christopher, Anthony & Jimmy Knight,
Tim Watt

Saturday, May 7— Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mass: Nora & Thomas Shea, Big Jim Knight
4:00 PM— The Shea Family, Rose Spero & Family,
Irene Riggio, Matthew Maslanka

Sun, May 8— 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

7:30AM— Rose Perfetti, Loretta Barry, Theresa &
Nora Shea, Donna, Mary & John Forbes,
Alice & William Munno
9:30AM— Bridget O'Connor (healing), Jean Foley,
Stefania Pietrowski, Maria De Rosa Corrado,
Cecilia Ebokam, John Carey
11:30AM—All Mothers of our Parish Family

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Madelyn LaBella

Ralph Flanagan

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

David Akai, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin,
Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby,
Gerry Campanio, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard,
Mary Connolly, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor,
Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo,
Bill Dieken, Dolores Dorman, Adriana Elgas,
Paige Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki,
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Goworowski, Peg Hansen, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn
Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski,
Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch,
Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank
Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky, Kim Lewis,
LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen
Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael
Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Raul
Osornio, Katherine Pape, Matt Pender, Maggie Powers,
Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe
Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom,
Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schu-
berth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman,
Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kay-
la Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Su-
chor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,
Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Zach Trusk,
Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Ministers' Schedule for Next Weekend May 7-8, 2022

	SAT 7:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	J. Baker	C. O'Hare	B. Brejcha	S. Chimera
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Mikutis M. Rogers	C. O'Hare D. Clark	C. Brejcha J. O'Shea	M. Powers M. Murphy



2022 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass. Sympathy, healing, birthday, anniversary and special intentions.

WELCOME BACK!

As we begin to transition back to "normalcy", we would love to have you as a Proclaimer, Eucharist Minister or a Greeter/Usher or all 3!!

Whether you took a break or would like to start a new ministry, we ask that you call

Jen at 708-636-5060 x200 or send an email to jstazak@archchicago.org.

Catholic Charities HELP THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

*A hungry child. A homeless mother. An addict.
An immigrant. A frail senior. An impoverished veteran.
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more.*



In the South and Southwest areas **each day** 150 families from the Southwest suburbs receive their basic food supply from the St. Blasé Food Pantry and an additional 130 families are served through the food pantry at St. Irenaeus. 80 otherwise homeless families are housed in the New Hope Apartments and other transitional housing intended to get families to become independent. 207 veteran's families (304 individuals) were assisted through 141 units of permanent housing and other services. Veterans come into the program literally homeless or at risk of losing their homes. These are men and women who have served our country.

The hot meal program which served more than 8,500 meals to the hungry and the homeless in the South and Southwest areas is now a carryout program since the start of the pandemic. Many of those served are our neighbors. In addition to those served above, 48 families, 84 individuals from Oak Lawn and surrounding area have received direct emergency assistance throughout the year.

I have a story typical of the situations that seem to surface at Catholic Charities on a regular basis. Most recently on one of our coldest February days, a principal from one of our local elementary schools called Catholic Charities regional office about a family: a woman with two little boys who told the principal that she is homeless and living in a car. The boys had no coats or shoes. The 6-year-old was dressed in pajama pants and a sleeveless top. This family had nothing except the clothes on their backs. The woman would not say; however staff believed the woman had escaped from a domestic violence situation. She needed temporary shelter along with clothing and other essentials for her children and her. Catholic Charities staff did an immediate assessment, provided the woman and her children with clothes and put the family up in a hotel for several weeks until a spot opened in the New Hope Apartments. The family is receiving case management services to help her to become independent in the near future.

The Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities is on the weekend of May 7-8. Those of you who get Church donation envelopes in the mail will find a special envelope for Catholic Charities. Those who attend weekend Masses at St. Germaine can take one of the tan envelopes that you will find at the three exits. Please help us fight hunger and homelessness in the South and Southwest area by donating to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection.

Catholic Charities is the Catholic Church at its very best.

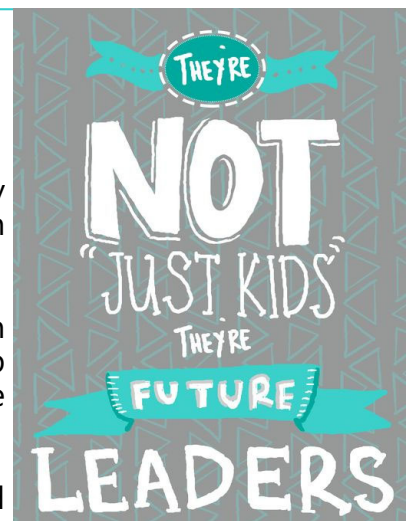
Women's Club News-May Crowning & Mary Jane Farrell Scholarship

On May 8th at the 9:30 mass, there will be the Parish May Crowning and the Women's club will be presenting 2 winners each with \$500.00 from the Mary Jane Farrell Scholarship Fund.

Eight graders from School and Religious Education and Formation were given the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship was chosen on their essay on school and community service and will be attending Catholic high school.

We thank all the students who submitted essays and commend you all for all that you do.

We invite you to join us for refreshments and hospitality after the mass in the Sheridan Room. Please come and congratulate these outstanding students.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday:	\$7,780.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$1,910.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$9,690.50
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Easter:	\$2,634.00
Good Friday:	\$85.00
Easter Flowers:	\$5.00
Food Baskets:	\$225.00
Holy Thursday:	\$84.28
Aid to Education:	\$25.00
Retired Priests:	\$35.00
Peters Pence:	\$10.00
Ascension:	\$10.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

The Men's Club on Saturday collected over \$800 for Park Lawn's Bucket Brigade - Thanks to the guys spending their Saturday morning working for a great cause.



FOOD PANTRY

The SVDP Food pantry would like to thank you for your generous donations, especially the Knights of Columbus for their 40 cans for 40 days drive. We were able to serve 35 families Easter dinner this year!

Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #98 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$1,512.50** will be added to next weeks pot.

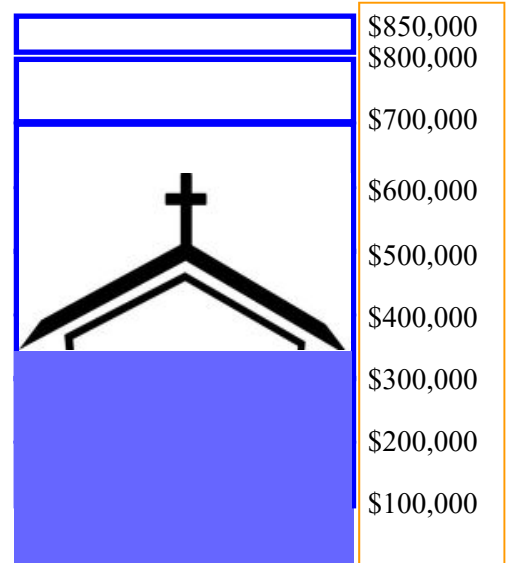
Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win!

Good Luck!

Thank you to the **246** donors who have started off our ***Raise the Roof*** campaign pledging **\$347,384.00!**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail daily and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is. Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?



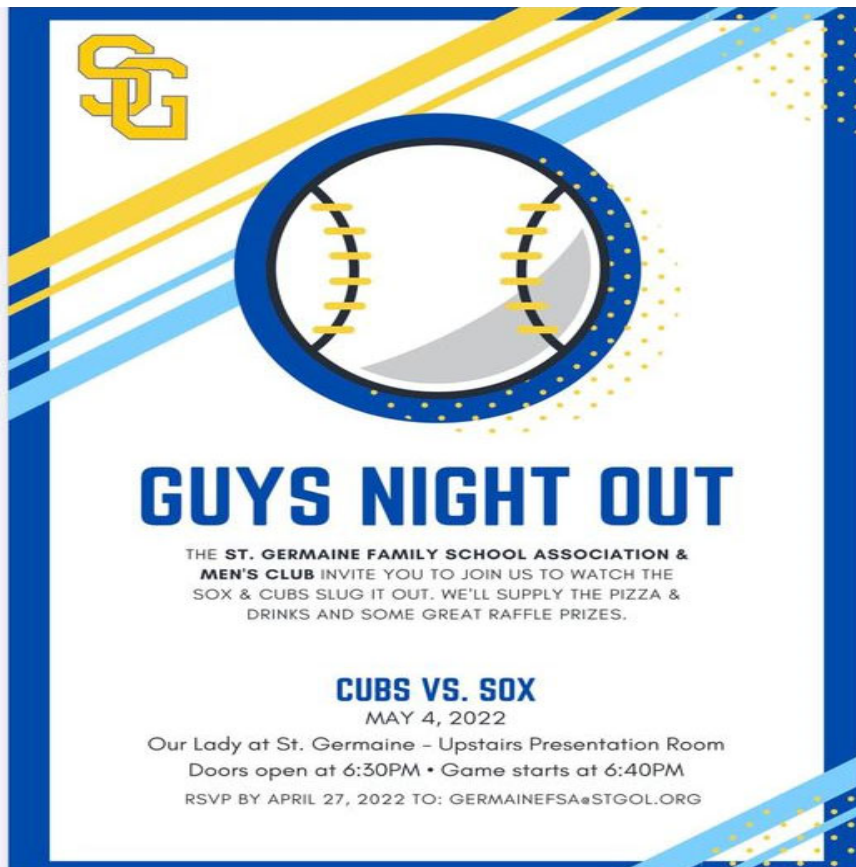
The Queen is coming back soon!!

WILL YOU...



FIND HER?

Stay tuned for details....



Are you a die hard Sox fan or do you bleed Cubby blue? No matter which, we want you to come cheer on your team with other guys from St. Germaine! Join the FSA and Men's Club for drinks, pizza and the Crosstown Classic! RSVP today!

Religious Education and Formation Registration is Open!

If you would like to register for the 2022-2023 REF Program, please email jstazak@archchicago.org or stop by the Parish Center between 9am-2pm Monday through Friday.

Classes are for children entering Preschool through 8th Grade.

If you have any questions, call 636-5060.



CALENDAR MEETING COMING SOON!!



If your group is planning events from July 2022 through June 2023, start coming up with tentative dates and descriptions. We will send out a date as soon as we get it!

Athletic Association News

Do you have a child in School or Religious Education who like to be part of a sports team?



*Did you know we offer soccer from Preschool through 8th grade?

*Did you know we offer basketball and volleyball for girls and boys 3rd through 8th grade?

We would love to have your child(ren) be a part of the team!!

Girls basketball sign ups for girls entering 3rd through 8th grade next year, will be starting this month.



If your child(ren) would like to play a sport, please email jstazaka@archchicago.org



to be placed on the email list to find out all the important dates!!

SAVE THE DATES

May 4– Taize Prayer

May 4– Guys Night out

May 8– Women's Club May Crowning
and Hospitality

May 14 & 15– (after all masses)

Fr. George Retirement Celebration

May 18–KOC Rosary

June 1– Taize Prayer

June 4 & 5th– Ministry Weekend

June 5th– Breakfast after masses (KOC)

June 6th– Women's Club "Ladies Night Out"

God's Word for Children

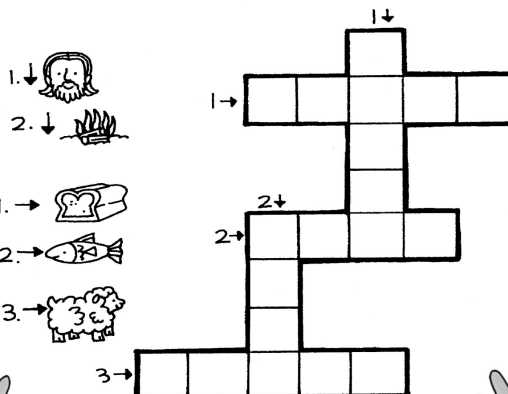
After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and made them breakfast on the seashore. Then Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. Peter said he did. These pictures show what Jesus told Peter to do. Find and circle five things that are in the first picture but not the second.



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Third Sunday of Easter

When Jesus and his disciples had eaten together, Jesus told Peter to take care of his sheep. He meant that Peter and the other disciples were to tell everyone about him so that people would love him and follow him as the disciples themselves did. Use the picture clues from the Bible story (John 21:1–19) to fill in the crossword.





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